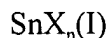


## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

**Claim 1 (Original)** A process for generating  $^1\text{O}_2$  which comprises treating an Sn(II) salt of the formula



in which X is an anion from the group consisting of trifluoromethanesulfonate, acetate, formate, oxalate, lactate, malonate, malate, tartrate, citrate, orthophosphate, sulfate, chloride, perchlorate and n is 1 or 2, in an organic solvent at a temperature of from  $-80^\circ\text{C}$  to  $20^\circ\text{C}$  with 1 to 2 mol of ozone per mole of tin compound, and using the  $^1\text{O}_2$  which forms directly for the oxidation of organic substrates which react with  $^1\text{O}_2$ .

**Claim 2 (Original)** The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the Sn(II) salt used is tin(II) trifluoromethanesulfonate or tin(II) acetate.

**Claim 3 (Original)** The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the organic solvent used is ethyl acetate, butyl acetate, methanol, ethanol, dichloromethane or acetic acid.

**Claim 4 (Original)** The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reaction temperature is  $-80^\circ\text{C}$  to  $-5^\circ\text{C}$ .

**Claim 5 (Original)** The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein one equivalent of ozone is used.

**Claim 6 (Original)** The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein a solution of an organic substrate which reacts with  $^1\text{O}_2$  is metered in during the reaction of the Sn(II) salt with ozone.

**Claim 7 (Original)** The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein a solution of an organic substrate which reacts with  $^1\text{O}_2$  is metered in after the reaction of the Sn(II) salt with ozone, following removal of any excess ozone.

**Claim 8 (Currently Amended)** The process as claimed in claim 6 ~~or 7~~, wherein the solvent used for the substrate is ethyl acetate, butyl acetate, methanol, ethanol, dichloromethane or acetic acid.

**Claim 9 (New)** The process as claimed in claim 7, wherein the solvent used for the substrate is ethyl acetate, butyl acetate, methanol, ethanol, dichloromethane or acetic acid.